



# TOWN OF NEWINGTON

1485 Main Street Newington, Connecticut 06111

## Newington Volunteer Fire Department

### MINUTES

#### Board of Fire Commissioners

#### Regular Meeting

February 12, 2009

#### Fire Headquarters

1485 Main Street

Newington, CT 06111

7:30pm

#### I. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 7:30pm

Pledge of Allegiance.

#### II. ATTENDANCE

Commissioner's Ziegler & Jascowski  
Chief Chris Schroeder  
Assistant Chief Tom Lapierre  
Deputy Chief Vic Depamphilis-Excused  
Deputy Frank Papa  
Deputy Chief Tom Gill  
Captain Jeff Kobylarz

Commissioner Stoddard-Excused  
Deputy Fire Marshal Dave Woods  
Captain Pat Gagnon  
Captain John Montano  
Lt. Jim Wells  
Lt. Ron Felton  
Fmr. Comm. John Gubbins

Council Liaison David Nagel was introduced to the group.

#### III. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Fmr. Commissioner John Gubbins asked how recruitment was progressing and had we continued to increase our numbers. Asst. Chief Tom Lapierre explained about the new recruits and how they are processed into the department.

#### IV. Communications

A motion was made to accept the communications as presented. Motion passed.

#### V. Ledger Status

A motion was made to accept the Ledger Status as presented. Motion passed.

**VI. OLD BUSINESS**

Captain's Fire Project is a slow process but is moving slowly along. East Hartford is fully operational. We are waiting for additional items to arrive from Capitol Region.

The Rules & Regulations are going through the final review process by the Board.

The spring inspections have been scheduled for April 7<sup>th</sup>, 8<sup>th</sup>, & 9<sup>th</sup>.

Engine # 3 will be going to the St. Patrick's Day Parade on March 14<sup>th</sup> in Hartford.

**VII. NEW BUSINESS**

None at this time.

**VIII. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION**

Fmr. Commissioner Gubbins asked about the upcoming budget and did the Board Chairman anticipate problems. Chair Ziegler told him that both he and the Chief had met with the Town Manager. Commissioner Ziegler expressed the hope that there will be no negative impact on the department.

Commissioner Gubbins asked what will be the next piece of apparatus to be replaced. Engine #4 is due for replacement in 2010. There's a concern about how the economy will impact the purchase. Chief Schroeder noted that the longer the delay, the more expensive the purchase. The cost could be \$450,000 for a new engine. This piece would not fit in the bay at Co.#4. Daytime response from Co #4 has been excellent.

Recently there was a recognition ceremony for Captain Gary Nadeau, Lt. Mike Iskra and Rick Stevens for their years of service to the department.

**IX. COMMISSIONER'S REMARKS**

Commissioner Ziegler spoke on the good job by the department at the Kyoto fire on the Berlin Turnpike. Our quick response prevented it from becoming a major incident. Deputy Chief Papa was recognized for his command skills.

**X. Adjournment**

The meeting was adjourned at 7:45pm

Submitted By: \_\_\_\_\_  
Sue Reniewicz – Board Secretary



